

Remarks

I. Status of Claims

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 31-122 are pending in the application, with 31-35, 52, 70, 89 and 106 being the independent claims. Currently amended claims 31-44, 52-61, 70-79, 89-98 and 106-115 are sought to replace original claims 31-44, 52-61, 70-79, 89-98 and 106-115. Original claims 45-51, 62-69, 80-88, 99-105 and 116-122 have remained the same as those filed with the application and Preliminary Amendment on February 20, 2004. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

II. Amendments

Applicants have amended the drawings to direct the entry of the replacement sheet incorporating the desired change to Figure 23A. Applicants have inserted an arrow between amino acids 22 (G) and 23 (Q). Support for this change can be found in Figure 23A submitted in parent Application No. 08/841,636, filed April 30, 1997.

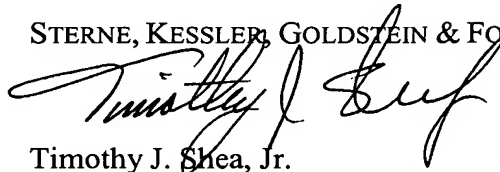
Applicants have also amended the claims where necessary to refer to the appropriate Figure No(s), SEQ ID NOs., and deposit number. Support for the claim amendments can be found *inter alia* throughout the specification, in the Sequence Listing, and in the drawings. No new matter is believed to be added by these amendments.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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